

CALFRESH (CF) PROGRAM

REQUEST FOR POLICY/REGULATION INTERPRETATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete items 1 - 10 on the form. Use a separate form for each policy interpretation request. If additional space is needed, please use the second page. Be sure to identify the additional discussion with the appropriate number and heading. Retain a copy of the CF 24 for your records.

- Questions from counties, including county Quality Control, must be submitted by the county CalFresh Coordinator and may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility for the county, with a copy directed to the appropriate CalFresh Policy unit manager.
- Questions from Administrative Law Judges may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility to the county where the hearing took place, with a copy of the form directed to the appropriate CalFresh Bureau unit manager.

1. RESPONSE NEEDED DUE TO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy/Regulation Interpretation <input type="checkbox"/> QC <input type="checkbox"/> Fair Hearing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:	5. DATE OF REQUEST: 9-11-12	NEED RESPONSE BY: 10/25/12
2. REQUESTOR NAME:	6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: Imperial County	
3. PHONE NO.:	7. SUBJECT: Failure to Provide Sponsor Income/Resources	
4. REGULATION CITE(S): MPP 63-43-119	8. REFERENCES: (Include ACL/ACIN, court cases, etc. in references) NOTE: All requests must have a regulation cite(s) and/or a reference(s). CW MPP 43-119	

9. QUESTION: (INCLUDE SCENARIO IF NEEDED FOR CLARITY):

#1 A sponsored non-citizen is found ineligible for CalWORKs cash aid due to non-compliance with the sponsorship documentation-- refuses-doesn't want to provide (income, resources, SOF, QR 72). However the sponsored non-citizen is found eligible (indigent) for CalFresh and provided a name for the sponsor.

#2 A sponsored non-citizen is found ineligible for CalWORKs cash aid due to non-compliance with the sponsorship documentation-- is unable to locate (income, resources, SOF, QR 72). They already received a year of indigence in cash aid. They are receiving CalFresh also and provided a name for the sponsor.

What cash aid amount is used in each scenario? The actual cash grant or a higher amount that would have been received should they have complied with the CalWORKs program?

10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:

We propose in both, the actual CalWORKs cash aid received is used. There is a marked difference in the requirements for sponsorship between CalWORKs and CalFresh.

The lessoned requirement for CalFresh doesn't make sense if we are trying to gain participation of sponsored non-citizens but use a higher grant amount resulting in less benefits.

11. STATE POLICY RESPONSE (CFPB USE ONLY):

We consulted with our CalWORKs partners at the state level and we were informed that according to the CalWORKs Program and their Sponsored Noncitizen regulations at MPP Section 43-119, in both scenarios there would be no CalWORKs cash aid to count.

- The noncitizen is not eligible and would not receive a grant for CalWORKs.
- The once in a lifetime 12-month indigency expired so the noncitizen would no longer be eligible for CalWORKs cash aid payment. There is no cash aid payment to count unless the noncitizen could prove s/he were "battered" or a victim of violence at the hands of the sponsor, the 12-month exemption would not be renewable per the CalWORKs Program. You may want to consult with your CalWORKs partners.

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DATE RECEIVED: 9/21/12	DATE RESPONDED TO COUNTY/ALJ: 10/22/12
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